

California Congressional Office. His hard work was apparent early on and he was soon promoted to Senior Field Representative, a position in which he has excelled. Mr. Silveira's strong work ethic has grown during his tenure, which is evident by his commitment to constituent events and his passion for water policy. As one of the most important issues in the Twenty-First Congressional District, Mr. Silveira has worked to become a trusted advisor on water related issues.

Outside of work, Mr. Silveira is a pillar in our local community. He volunteers his time at the local food bank and helps to serve meals to those in need at a local soup kitchen once a week. Mr. Silveira is an active member in both the Kings County Young Republicans and the Kings County Republican Party Central Committee. In addition, Mr. Silveira enjoys spending time and helping his family on their vineyard, which has contributed immensely to his knowledge and interest in wine making.

Mr. Silveira's time with my office came to a close on July 29, 2016 when he left to attend the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California. Knowing Mr. Silveira, his character, and his work ethic, I have no doubt that he will achieve many great things in his future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Sebastian Silveira for his public service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing him well as he embarks on the next chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO ALAN SCHENCK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Alan Schenck of Clarinda, Iowa for being inducted into the 2016 Iowa Senior Olympics Hall of Fame Class.

As a Clarinda native, Alan has always excelled in athletic competition. He got his start in 1973 at the University of Iowa where he was part of not only the swimming and diving team for three years, but also the Iowa Hawkeyes football team for two years. During his time at the University of Iowa his love for athletics and competition grew and his enthusiasm continues still, today. Alan has taken his passion for athletics and successfully made himself one of the most accomplished athletes to ever take part in the Iowa Senior Olympics. All across the Midwest Alan has won numerous medals in swimming, diving and track & field. He has participated in the games for 14 years and accumulated an impressive medal count, reaching almost 200 overall medals.

Alan's impressive resume doesn't stop with his lifelong athletic achievements. He served his country during the Vietnam War as a member of the Air Force and now continues his involvement in a number of veteran organizations. He is a member of the American Legion, the Sons of American Legions and the Sons of the Confederate Veterans Organization. Earlier this year, Alan was also appointed to serve on my Service Academy and Review Board to help select four young people from Iowa's Third Congressional District to attend each of the four United States Service Academies.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Alan for his induction into the 2016 Iowa Senior Olympics Hall of Fame Class. I am proud to represent Alan in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Alan Schenck and wishing him nothing but continued success.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN "PETE" KIRBY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge my constituent, Chief John "Pete" Kirby, from Centreville, Virginia. Chief Kirby will be hanging up his gear for the final time after 40 years of combined service with the Vienna and Centreville Volunteer Fire Departments.

From a young age, Pete was infatuated with the heroic service demonstrated by his local volunteer fire department. Following the footsteps of his uncle and idol, Austin Kirby, Pete began his public service 40 years ago when he joined the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department at age 16.

Over the years, his hard work and positive outlook led him on a path to becoming Chief of the Centreville Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD). His time with the CVFD has been marked by efficiently leading his firefighters, as well as guiding the department's operations in emergency situations. In 2015, Pete was elected to serve as the Third Vice President of the Virginia State Firefighter's Association. Chief Kirby leaves office with a legacy of hands-on leadership and deep community ties.

Known to help those in need, even when off duty, Pete will be missed by all those who knew him. Even though he is leaving his role as the Chief of the Centreville Volunteer Fire Department, I am certain he will continue his role as a local Good Samaritan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Chief Kirby's public work. His desire to serve those in need is commendable, and I implore each of us to imitate his dedication to duty. I wish Chief John "Pete" Kirby the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF STAND OUT'S DEDICATION TOWARDS MILITARY DIVERSITY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Volunteers of America (VOA) Veterans Services, California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), Los Rios College District, Mather VA Hospital, Women's Veterans Alliance, and Spiritual Warriors as they come together at the Stand Out celebration, recognizing the diversity of those who have served in the military. Additionally, this year marks the five year anniversary of the Don't Ask Don't Tell Repeal Act. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these fine organizations participating in this celebration.

The Stand Out event reaches out to Northern California's military members and veterans who are underserved in a variety of areas including healthcare, housing, and employment. This year's event honors all women and LGBT veterans in the hopes that they will obtain the resources, education, and access to services that have been challenging to pursue, but nonetheless rightfully deserved. California has the largest population of homeless women and LGBT veterans in the nation. Since the transition from military to the civilian sector is challenging and often met with barriers, especially for women and the LGBT community, organizations participating in the Stand Out event are working together to ensure that these communities have the information and support to receive their rightful benefits.

In participating in the Stand Out celebration, it is important to recognize that all of this progress has not come easily, especially with the fear and hatred that exists for these populations. We thank those who are dedicated to helping these underserved communities of women and LGBT veterans despite the many challenges they have faced along the way.

Mr. Speaker, as the members of the Stand Out event celebrate military diversity and the five year anniversary of the Don't Ask Don't Tell Repeal Act, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their commitment to women and LGBT veterans.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF YORK LODGE NO. 213, BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the 125th Anniversary of York Lodge No. 213, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Since its founding on July 10, 1891, the Lodge has made immeasurable contributions to the welfare of our community through countless civic and charitable endeavors.

Whether providing college scholarships to local students, back-to-school programs for the children of homeless Veterans and students living in impoverished areas, drug awareness efforts and many other activities, Elks Lodge No. 213 has served/continues to serve the people of York and the surrounding region. York Lodge No. 213 steadfastly embodies its mission to inculcate the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I'm proud to have this organization in our District and congratulate its Members on the 125th Anniversary of the York Lodge No. 213, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

HONORING TYLER WILLIAMS

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tyler Williams of Hillsboro, Missouri. Tyler is a member of Troop 547 in the